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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: SENGHOR ATTACKED

1. OFFICIAL DAILY EL MOUDJAHID NOV 21 ASSAILS

SENGHOR OVER SAHARA ISSUE IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED QUOTE

THE RECANTATIONS OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR UNQUOTE.

2. EDITORIAL TRACES SENGHOR'S OFFENSES BACK TO STATEMENT

MADE IN 1955, WHEN HE WAS A SECRETARY OF STATE IN

FRENCH GOVERNMENT, THAT HE HAD OPPOSED SEPARATION OF

ALGERIA'S SAHARA PROVINCES. IN 1955, PAPER SAYS,

SENGHOR WAS FRENCH CITIZEN AND THEREFORE AN ENEMY OF

ALGERIAN PEOPLE. FURTHER, ALGERIA OWES ITS TERRITORIAL

INTEGRITY NOT TO QUOTE STEALTHY INTERVENTIONS IN PARISIAN

GOVERNMENT CIRCLES UNQUOTE BUT TO SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING

OF ALGERIAN PEOPLE.

3. EDITORIAL ALSO BLASTS SENGHOR'S REPORTED ASSERTION

THAT HE ASKED KING HASSAN TO RATIFY 1972 ALGERIAN-

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MOROCCAN FRONTIER AGREEMENT. GOA, PAPER INSISTS,

CONSIDERS FRONTIER AGREEMENT QUESTION TO HAVE BEEN SETTLED WHEN KING HASSAN SIGNED ACCORD IN PRESENCE OF OAU CHIEFS OF STATE. MOREOVER, ALGERIA WOULD NEVER TRADE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR A RATIFICATION QUOTE WHOSE WORTH THOSE KNOWING THE MOROCCAN REGIME CAN JUDGE CORRECTLY UNQUOTE.

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH ASSERTION THAT SENGHOR HAD REFUSED A SUGGESTION MADE BY MOHAMED V OF MOROCCO THAT SENEGAL AND MOROCCO DIVIDE MAURITANIA ALONG RACIAL LINES. ONE WONDERS, PAPER SAYS, IF SENGHOR HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THIS REFUSAL AND IF HE HOPES TO USE MOROCCAN ANNEXATION OF SAHARA AS MEANS OF REVIVING OLD IDEA OF PARTITION.

5. COMMENT: EDITORIAL REFLECTS IN PART CURRENT GOA PREOCCUPATION WITH IDEA OF FRANCOHONE AXIS THWARTING ALGERIAN GOALS. IN TERMS OF ALGERIAN DIPLOMACY, IT CONSTITUTES UNPRECEDENTED DIRECT ATTACK, BY NAME, ON A FRIENDLY CHIEF OF STATE. ALGERIAN TREATMENT OF MOROCCAN BORDER RATIFICATION WOULD APPEAR TO DIMINISH FURTHER THE VALUE OF THIS CARD IN MOROCCAN HAND, IF INDEED IT EVER HAD ANY.

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